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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

Over Hundred Civil Cases Taken From Docket Of Superior Court

February Term Adjourned Here Today After Clearing The Docket Of Many Old Cases

More than one hundred cases were taken from the civil docket on Tuesday when the last day of the February term of superior court was given over to clearing the civil calendar of old cases many more than twelve years old. None of the cases dismissed were regarded as important, but were cleared up on the court records.

The case of J. Handy Kirkpatrick in superior court, for charges of larceny, was dismissed by Judge Zeb Nettles, at the close of the evidence on Friday.

P. A. Hargrove, widow of the late Dr. Hargrove, of Canton, was acting as prosecuting witness against Kirkpatrick, former president of the Haywood Mutual Bank and Trust company, of Canton.

The case dates back to 1917. Mrs. Hargrove claimed that her husband borrowed \$8,700 from the Haywood Mutual Bank and Trust company on a promissory note, and that she and her husband signed another note, for \$10,000, which was given as collateral.

Several days after this transaction Hargrove ended his own life. It was testified that more than \$10,000 in insurance was deposited in the name of Mrs. Hargrove's name. Kirkpatrick was charged with embezzling enough of the insurance to pay off the Hargrove note.

Several judgments handed down since Wednesday were as follows: George Rathbone, accused or abandoned, was given 8 months on the road and in jail.

The case of Fred Marcus and Phillip, who pled guilty of trespassing, and judgment continued until the July term of court.

Edward McElroy was fined \$50 and 30 days for reckless driving. The case of Ed Singleton, for whom the defendant was given 3 years on the roads for three years on the roads for 3 years.

Leopard, was given 12 months on the roads and jail for housebreaking, larceny and receiving. For Rhymey and Paul Harey, each sentenced to 18 months on the road and jail, for larceny and receiving.

Edward Caldwell, was given 4 months on the roads for violation of prohibition laws.

REDECORATING OF READY-TO-WEAR DEPT. OF RAY'S COMPLETED

Finishing touches are being put on the ready-to-wear department. E. Ray's Sons, which has undertaken an extensive re-decorating of the past few weeks.

New fixtures, together with added display racks, and new equipment and display racks, the department one of the modern in the section.

Street lighting on the racks of ready-to-wear brings out in a more decorative colors and fabrics in their attire.

With new fixtures, the entire department was re-painted and re-arranged.

Hugh Massie Goes On Spring Trip For New Store

Hugh Massie left on Sunday for Louisville, where he will spend a part of the week purchasing merchandise for his new store, the building of which is now under construction on the Rogers property on Main street. Plans are to have the building ready for occupancy the first of April.

R. Chapter To Hold Annual Declaration Contest At High School

The 20th annual declamation contest sponsored by the Dorcas Bell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held on Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the school.

The members of the chapter and the contestants for the contest are invited to attend.

IN NEW YORK

Erk, owner of Erkraft Inn, left last week for a ten-day trip in New York and vic-

To Present Plan



FRANK M. DAVIS

Definite Program For Bettering Beef Cattle Is Proposed

Group Of Farmers And Farm Women To Meet In Executive Session Here Saturday

A committee of farmers and farm women will meet at the county agent's office Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, to formulate plans for bettering the beef cattle situation in Haywood County.

Frank M. Davis, who has taken an active part in the program, will present a plan to the committee, it was learned yesterday, that has already met with the approval of cattle raisers and business men in every section of the county.

The committee will meet in executive session, and have called in specialists for suggestions.

The committee appointed a week ago at a farm meeting here, is composed of:

A. J. McCracken, John F. Rogers, Mrs. Frank B. Davis, T. Weaver Cathey, C. L. Allen, Grover J. Abel, Jarvis Chambers, Glenn C. Palmer, D. Crockett Campbell, John Howell, John Holder, Walter Wright, I. R. Howell, L. Z. Messer, John H. Allen, and Dewey L. Pless.

Death Of Wife Of General Ferguson Shocks Friends

Mrs. Harley B. Ferguson, Well Known Here Dies Sunday At Home In New Orleans

Mrs. Harley B. Ferguson, wife of Brigadier General H. B. Ferguson, of the U. S. Army, died at her home in New Orleans on Sunday. Last rites were conducted here on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock at Saint John's Catholic Chapel. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery. Father Louis Bour, of Asheville, officiated at the services at the chapel and Father A. H. Rohrabacher conducted the last rites at the grave.

Serving as pallbearers were: Hugh J. Sloan, Harry Rotha, Frank W. Miller, Col. Fred Alstetter, of Savannah, Wells Green, of Asheville, and James L. Stringfield.

Mrs. Ferguson was before her marriage Miss Mollie McCormick, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McCormick, of St. Paul, Minn. She had spent many summers here since her marriage, often staying late in the autumn.

She possessed a charming manner that easily won her friends. Her devotion and loyalty to her family were appreciated by all who knew her. She had often expressed the desire that upon General Ferguson's retirement from the Army that they would make Waynesville their permanent home.

Surviving are her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Charles E. Boudousque, of New Orleans, and Mrs. Ottis Green, Jr., of Asheville, and one son, Harley B. Ferguson, Jr., and one sister, Miss Josephine McCormick.

Among the out of town relatives attending the funeral besides those surviving mentioned, were: Mrs. Eli Watson, of New York City, Billy Ferguson, of Newport News, Va., A. A. Shufford, Jr., and Harley Shufford, of Hickory, Judge Robert Wells, and Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Green, of Asheville.

28-Year-Old Debt Of \$3 Paid Here

Walter Mooney, of the Hyder Mountain section, left this county twenty-eight years ago, when he was in his teens. Before leaving he borrowed 3 dollars from Mark Bishop, also of Hyder Mountain.

Mark Bishop died some six years ago, and the 3-dollar loan had been forgotten. Last week his wife received a letter addressed to her late husband. She opened it and found three one dollar bills from Mooney.

It seems that Mooney has recently "gotten religion" and that he was asking forgiveness for all his sins, stating that the Lord had forgiven him, and he was now asking forgiveness on this earth. He had long had the three-dollar loan on his conscience—so after eight years, was paying it off—trusting that he would be forgiven.

Frady Being Held For Killing Brother- In-Law, L. Fie, 37

Shooting Took Place Near Mag- gie In Early Hours Of Last Thursday

The grand jury has returned a true bill against Albert Frady, 35-year-old farmer, of the Ivy Hill township, charging him with the murder of his brother-in-law, Labarne Fie, a farmer of the same section. The trial is set for the July term of court.

The fatal shooting took place about 3 o'clock Thursday morning, at the home of Fie at Maggie. The sheriff was notified about 7:30 o'clock, and an ambulance was sent for the injured man, who had been struck with a bullet over the left eye. Fie was taken to the Haywood County Hospital, but lived only a few minutes after arriving there.

The officers located Frady in the woods near the place at 9:30. He gave himself up stating that had left the Fie home, in order to avoid further trouble.

Officers, who investigated the case, stated that a social gathering had been held at the home in the evening, with several of the party found to be in an intoxicated condition. The quarrel which resulted in the fatal shooting was said to have started over family affairs.

Frady and his mother lived in the Fie home, Mrs. Fie, being the sister of the former. It is said that relations had been strained for sometime.

Frady is now in the county jail awaiting trial at the July term of court.

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon at the Methodist church at Maggie for Albert Fie, with the Rev. John Finger and the Rev. John White officiating. Burial was in the Henry cemetery at Maggie.

Surviving are his widow, eight small children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. General Fie; three brothers, Frank, John and Charlie Fie; two sisters, Mrs. Ben Moody, and Mrs. Pherson Cagle, all of Maggie.

OUT AGAIN

A. R. Rabhan, owner of Harold's Department store, was confined to his bed for the first of the week with "flu."

Bill Introduced To Regulate Salaries Of Town Officials

Palmer Puts First Bill In Legis- lature Setting Out Salaries Of Waynesville Officials

The first local bill for Haywood County to be introduced in this session of the legislature was put to the "hopper" Saturday morning by Representative Glenn Palmer.

The bill, dealing with salaries of Waynesville officials, sets out:

"That from and after the expiration of the present term of office of the mayor and board of aldermen of the Town of Waynesville, the salary of the mayor and board of aldermen of said town shall be fixed by the board of aldermen at not exceeding eighty dollars (\$80) per month for the mayor, and not exceeding forty dollars (\$40) per month for each member of the board of aldermen."

That the acts of the mayor and board of aldermen in paying the salaries for the present term of office at the same rate as paid prior to this term, is hereby approved, validated and ratified.

Grand Jury Reports Need Of Improving School Properties

Other Recommendations Made Of County Buildings, Includ- ing County Home And Hospital

The grand jury in their report have recommended that the county board of commissioners employ a competent engineer to inspect all school buildings and school equipment in the county with a view of correcting the unsatisfactory conditions which they found on their tour of inspection during the past week.

They found the school buses seriously over loaded. In many cases they reported the buses were carrying double their normal capacity, making them a grave hazard to the hundreds of school children, who must of necessity ride them.

They recommended that the law requiring monthly inspection of the school buses be filed with the superintendent responsible for the operation of the buses. They also urged that steps be taken to secure additional buses, that would enable transportation of the children in reasonable comfort and safety.

It was also recommended that stops on highways where travel is heavy, be limited as much as reasonably possible, so as to interfere with the normal traffic as little as could be expected. It was also urged that all persons who pass while a bus is being loaded or unloaded be reported to court for violation of the safety law. It was recommended that buses number 11 and 12 be replaced at once, as both were considered unsafe to operate.

They found the buildings of the county home in a state of deterioration, both inside and outside, and recommended that repairs be made at once on the plant. They reported favorably on the manner in which Jack McCracken, the newly appointed (Continued on back page)

T. W. Cathey Acclaimed Corn- Growing Champion Of Haywood



T. WEAVER CATHEY

Corn Champion



Kent Ketner Keith Ketner

4-H Champions

Pigeon Farmer Produced 110.7 Bushels Per Acre, With John H. Allen Close Behind

ADULT CORN CLUB HOLDS THEIR FIRST MEETING

John Allen Named President Of Organization For Coming Year At Gathering Tues.

By getting a corn yield of over five times the county average, T. Weaver Cathey, Pigeon farmer, was awarded a silver loving cup here Tuesday at the Hotel Gordon at the first annual meeting of the adult corn club, which comprises sixteen members of the Haywood Mutual Soil Conservation and Land Use Association, Inc.

Mr. Cathey grew 110.7 bushels to the acre.

Close behind Mr. Cathey, was John H. Allen, of Beavertown, who produced 109 bushels, in spite of severe damage done by a wind storm just as the corn was maturing. Mr. Allen received a \$3 prize.

A. J. McCracken, of Clyde, was given \$2 as the third prize for having grown 101 bushels.

The members of the club took a keen interest in the reports, and when the three winners told of their methods of producing such yields, the members listened most attentively, and asked many questions.

The club elected John H. Allen as president, Dave J. Boyd, vice president, T. W. Cathey, treasurer, and George Platt, secretary.

The awards were made by A. J. McCracken, president of the parent organization which sponsored the club. R. R. Smithwick, county agent, presided, and was assisted in the meeting by the two assistant county agents, W. A. Corpening and J. L. Reitzel.

Mr. Smithwick pointed out that the latest census showed that Haywood averaged 22 bushels to the acre; North Carolina 19 1/2 bushels and the nation 28.2 bushels. "While Haywood is 3 1/2 bushels ahead of the state average, we are still behind the national average by over 6 bushels," he reminded the club members.

"The corn club this year has accomplished much, and your neighbors will see the results and this will help bring the average of the county up," he continued.

One significant outgrowth of the meeting, were the statements made by the members during the general discussion of the past year's record. Every one said they had recorded their errors, and that their 1939 crop would be far ahead of the one last year.

After the adult members had discussed (Continued on back page)

1.68 Inches Rain Fall In 24 Hours

This community had 1.68 inches of rain in the twenty-four hours ending Wednesday night, according to Harry M. Hall, official weather observer here.

The heavy rain of Tuesday night and Wednesday morning sent creeks out of their banks, and brought the month's excessive rainfall to 2.18 inches.

Since the first of February, 6.88 inches have fallen here.

This heavy rainfall meant that about 187 tons fell to the acre, he explained.

Mt. Sterling Camp Will Be Moved Soon

Camp Will Be Moved To Cata- loochee Area, Congressman Weaver Advises

Congressman Zedmon Weaver advised the Park and Roads committee of the Chamber of Commerce this week, that officials of the Interior Department, are ready to carry out plans of removing the CCC camp from Mt. Sterling to Cataloochee "at an early date, probably shortly after the first of April."

Congressman Weaver further said in his wire: "money is now available, and an order for removal has been made and instructions will go to the army this week to effect this removal."

Civic leaders here have been urging the camp moved in order that the men of the camp might do some constructive work in the Cataloochee area of the Park.

Mrs. C. J. Reece Spends Week In New York Buying Merchandise For Massie's

Mrs. C. J. Reece left here Sunday for New York City, where she will spend this week buying merchandise for the ladies and children's ready to wear department of Massie's Department store. Mrs. Reece plans to buy complete spring lines for these departments.

RETURNS FROM MARKET

F. G. Rippetoe returned Sunday from Eastern markets in Richmond, Baltimore and New York, where he purchased merchandise for the store he recently acquired from Burgin Brothers, and will operate under his name.

He reported market activities encouraging, and not many changes in prices during the past 90 days.

Voice of The People

What do you consider the most important measure that has been or is to be brought up at the present session of the State Legislature?

John M. Queen—Solicitor—"I think the measures that deal with appropriations and taxes are the most important. People do not object to public money being spent, but they want to get a dollar's worth, when a dollar is spent."

T. J. Cathey—county auditor—"I believe the most important measure from a financial standpoint is the diversion of the State Highway funds so ardently urged by Governor Hoey."

Judge Zeb V. Nettles—of Asheville, presiding over February term of Criminal court—"I consider the educational bill to increase the salaries of teachers, to provide pensions for them, to add a twelfth grade to our public schools, and to improve our school buildings, by far the most important measure that has or will come before the present session of the legislature."

Jack Messer—county superintendent of education—"I feel that the most important measure under consideration has been the appropriations for schools in the state. I feel that this affects more people and the future welfare of the state, than any other measure."

J. Harden Howell—Postmaster, Waynesville—"I think the most important measure so far introduced is the health bill, that should never have been changed in the first place. I think it concerns the public as perhaps no other bill does."

Chas. E. Ray, Jr.—"Vitality effecting the most people, is the sales tax, while objectionable to many people, there appears little likelihood of a material change in the present law. Secondly important, the proposed wage and hour bill will effect, directly or indirectly, every man, woman and child in the state. Its immediate effect will be upsetting to business, but is unavoidable in some form, and may react favorably in a general way."

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Civic Clubs Hear Discussion About Adult Illiteracy

Rotarians And Lions In Joint Meeting Hear Plans For Re- ducing Illiteracy In County

At a joint meeting of the Lions' and Rotary Clubs, held on Thursday evening in the Welch Memorial building, Mrs. J. M. Day, state supervisor of the adult illiteracy program of the WPA, outlined the work for the next two years.

Mrs. Day urged the support of those present in reducing the 7 per cent illiteracy rating of Haywood County, down to less than one per cent, pointing out that if the plans now underway of the WPA are carried out, the reduction is possible.

Mrs. Morgan, of Sylva, district supervisor, spoke briefly on the work. Mrs. J. N. Himes, county supervisor, was also recognized.

Following the program, an old-fashioned spelling bee was held with J. W. Killian and Chas. E. Ray, Jr., as captains of the teams. One hundred of the most commonly misspelled words were given out by Mrs. J. Dale Stentz. Mr. Killian's team came out as winner, with M. H. Bowles left standing after spelling correctly the hundredth word.

The Rotarians challenged the Lions to a volley ball game, with the date to be set later.

Carleton E. Weatherly presided over the joint meeting, with M. H. Bowles introducing the speakers. Clyde H. Ray, Jr., was chairman of the program for the evening.